Call to Order: President Ryback called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Ryback led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: In attendance were Village President Glenn Ryback, Village Trustees Tyler Crittenden, Ben Dolan, Geralyn Hansen, Ken Harvey, Robert Hayden and James Zegar, Village Clerk Evelyn Hoselton, Village Administrator Moses Amidei and Village Attorney Adam Lasker.

Public Comment: Wadsworth resident Christine Michael spoke about the lack of progress on the railroad Quiet Zone project for Route 173 and shared Administrator Amidei’s disappointment with the Terrain Group. Terrain was paid a deposit and indicated that they would work with IDOT to procure the necessary permits for the proposed work which they had claimed was in progress. After contacting IDOT, Amidei learned that Terrain ceased communication with them many months ago and thus was not issued a permit for the project. He demanded a refund of the deposit, which has already been received by the Village. Michael again volunteered to assist in any way she could to move the project forward with whichever firm Wadsworth would select this time.

Gary Hansen updated the Board on his quest for discarded Christmas trees needed to fuel the Bonfire Event planned for January 16 at Wadsworth Park. He successfully solicited 125 trees from Menards and more than 200 from Home Depot, both in Gurnee. Many of the trees were frozen onto the parking lot surface, but were manually dislodged by Hansen with only hand tools. Many thanks to Gary for acquiring and delivering mounds of trees for the first-ever Christmas Tree Bonfire event.

Establish Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Zegar, to establish a consent agenda for the following items:

a. Approval of the December 15, 2015 Village Board meeting minutes.

b. Approval of Bills to be Paid as of January 5, 2016 totaling $20,643.86.


Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Dolan, to approve the consent agenda as presented.


Discussion of removed topics: There were no removed topics.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business: There was no New Business.

Village President’s Report: President Ryback did not present a report.

Village Attorney’s Report: Attorney Lasker reported that Governor Rauner’s Task Force recently issued a 406 page report in regards to the consolidation of government services and entities.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Amidei reported on several upcoming Zoning Public Hearings which will address the recent annexation of the Onan property on Dilleys Road, the Coletta property on Greenview Drive and the rezoning of other annexed properties. Jim Onan Jr. discussed an outdoor pavilion structure to replace an event tent which he has erected and removed several times each season in past years. Trustees asked questions about side yard setbacks in the AG zoning district. After discussion on numerous details,
it was determined the project should proceed to the ZBA/Plan Commission for a public hearing and further review. 

Tony Coletta indicated he had purchased the property adjacent to his residence several years ago in hopes of upgrading a dilapidated garage/storage building. After purchase, he emptied the building of debris and junk of the previous owner, intending to use it as an accessory building for family events and as a classroom to home-school his daughters. While admitting a permit should have been secured as the project intensified, he agreed to do so at this time so improvements to the building and site could continue. Trustees noted he had already paid a fine issued by Amidei. Wishing to see the project and site work completed, Trustees admonished Coletta but directed him to work with Amidei to correct any building or zoning violations. Amidei will forward the matter to ZBA/Plan Commission for a public hearing and further review. 

Recently annexed parcels at the southwest and northeast corners of Route 41 and 173 will be rezoned from the default zoning of AG, as will the southeast corner of Russell Road and Old Skokie Highway at the January Plan Commission hearing later this month. 

Amidei updated the Board on mold remediation work in Village Hall resulting from the basement wall leak. The east basement wall was excavated and sealed just before cold and frost set in. The air purifiers have removed all airborne mold and the heating ducts will be cleaned next week. Air testing of the Village Hall will take place on Wednesday. Wall framing, drywall and painting will soon follow. 

Committee Reports:

Finance: 
Trustee Harvey did not provide a Finance Report.

Public Service: 
Trustee Hansen reminded all that discarded Christmas Trees can be deposited by the baseball backstop for the Bonfire Event on Saturday, January 16 at 6:00. Hot dogs and chili will be provided by Eddie Bauer Catering of Libertyville and served by the Wadsworth Queens. Bauer is a Wadsworth resident. 

Planning, Zoning & Plats: 
Trustee Zegar indicated that he, Amidei and Ryback met with another retail recruiter for the Village. The first recruiter offered significant data but did not provide a plan to execute the data that would be provided. 

He also reported on a meeting with an Attorney, whose client wished to locate a new massage business in the existing building at the southwest corner of Route 41 and 173. Zegar, Ryback and Amidei informed him that use is not included in the Wadsworth zoning code and the client would realize a better outcome by locating in an area of medical professionals such as the Greenleaf Avenue and Tower Court area in Gurnee. Zegar will release another electronic newsletter this Thursday. 

Ordinance Committee: 
Trustee Hayden noted he will hold an Ordinance Meeting next Tuesday at 5PM to discuss the Building Services agreement with Beach Park and to update the fee schedule as needed. An amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance will also be discussed to address residents who may wish to sell a car from their front yard and possible restrictions to avoid ongoing display of such vehicles. 

Road and Bridge: 
Trustee Crittenden did not provide a Road and Bridge Report. 

Parks and Village Hall: 
Trustee Dolan will plan a meeting date to discuss 2016 projects for Parks and Village Hall and suggested Village Employee Pat Pasko be in attendance. 

Adjournment: 
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55PM on a motion by Harvey, seconded by Hayden. 

Evelyn Hoselton, Village Clerk